

Reading First Implementation Checklist

2007 - 2008

## **August/September: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation**

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
-	☐ Convene a team comprised of a teacher from each grade level that ensure that all staff development is shared with team members ☐ Review Reading Plan Overview and communicate it to faculty school-	☐ Develop/Review the school wide assessment system. ☐ Develop the school wide assessment calendar (June/ July). ☐ Review the school-wide data collection and management system.	☐ Make last minute adjustments to school-wide reading schedule. ☐ Review and monitor classroom reading schedules to ensure adequate reading instruction for all students.	☐ Communicate RF goals and specific plans to all staff at meetings; acknowledge progress to date; state expectations for all.	☐ Principal, all K-3 staff and specialists participate in fall reading staff development.
Principal	wide.  □ Determine how data will be shared identifying goals: the increase % of benchmark students and the reduction in the % of strategic and intensive readers.  □ Establish a timeline with dates for monitoring progress and evaluating success.	☐ Designate individual(s) to enter data.  ☐ Ensure that all materials for all instructional groups have been received and distributed to teachers.  ☐ Ensure that supplemental and intervention (S &I) programs are ready to be used efficiently.	☐ Protect reading instruction time from interruption and ensure that time is allocated to skills and practices associated with reading success.	☐ Schedule and attend the Literacy Leadership Team (LLT) or Reading First Intervention Team (RFIT) Meetings to review assessment results, identify students who may need additional support, and coordinate	☐ Determine and schedule any necessary staff development for student assessments. ☐ Schedule professional
w/ Reading Coach	□ Review grade-level PALS benchmarks and communicate these to staff. □ Review grade level curriculum to identify high priority instructional items and timeline for those items. □ Begin formation of data board.	☐ Finalize scheduling of assessments (Stanford Reading First, PALS, SOL, core and district assessments).  ☐ griph of the property of the prop	☐ Determine and communicate process for grouping (e.g., within class, between class, within grade, between grade).	instructional planning across grade levels and specialists.   Analyze fall PALS reports at grade-level meetings; attend	development for core program.  Give new teachers option of attending TRA (Teacher Reading Academy) via online or traditional delivery.

#### Monthly Agendas/Reflections

### **<u>District team meeting agenda:</u>** (principal, coach, LEA, others)

- Reviewing the calendar
- Budget
- Scheduling other meetings
- Correlate school level professional development (PD) with Division level PD
- PALS data
- PD needs

## **Recommended Ongoing Weekly/Daily Activities**

- Schedule time for daily informal walk-throughs; interact w/staff re: reading instruction
- Meet with reading coach on a regular schedule and informally as needed
- Protect scheduled reading time from interruptions
- Each month learn at least one new aspect about reading instruction and/or the programs being used in your building
- Promote collaborative responsibility for RF implementation and student achievement

\*RFIT = Reading First Intervention Team (Direct Instruction schools only)

VDOE=Virginia Department of Education

## **October: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation**

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
al	☐ Convene and attend meeting with Division Level Reading First Leadership Team. ☐ Plan to attend Reading First Leadership Institute on October 24 <sup>th</sup> in Richmond with coach and LEA (New RF Principals attend	☐ Designate individual(s) to summarize frequent ongoing progress-monitoring of intensive students.	☐ Conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive comments.	☐ Convene and attend Literacy Leadership Team to review assessment results, identify students who may need additional support, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists. ☐ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be	☐ Schedule PD for new S & I programs for January.  ☐ Provide ongoing
Principal	Oct. 23 & 24).  Support coach, special education, & ESL teachers in attending (and turnkey training topics from) the October Regional Focus Group  Review grade-level PALS	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended. ☐ Review progress monitoring data of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	□ Review pacing guides for core program. □ Review pacing guides for Supplemental and Intervention ( S & I) programs - if established. □ Analyze assessment data including progress monitoring,		PD for core reading program.
w/ Reading Coach	data.  Begin use of Closing the Achievement Gap form.  Develop CSI (Core, Supplemental and Intervention) maps for core & any existing, approved supplemental, & intervention curricula.  Support formulation of small groups for differentiated reading instruction	Continue to monitor use of supplemental and intervention (S & I) reading programs.	benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.   Schedule and support additional instructional time for students who need additional support.	addressed.  □ Participate in grade-level team meetings whenever possible.	

#### Monthly Agendas/Reflections

- Follow up on "Next Steps" from VDOE site visit report
- Ensure theme assessments or check outs are being given and results are reviewed
- Review the principal and coach's notes from initial combined visits to all classrooms.
- Coach meets with teachers to review pacing guide(s)

- Empower teachers to become successful reading teachers through professional development and coaching
- Host reading information sessions for parents
- Provide parents with feedback about their child's reading progress (e.g., PALS individual student report)

# **November: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation**

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
ipal	☐ Plan to attend regional focus group with Coach and LEA. ( Dec. 4) Topic: TBA	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Ensure high quality implementation of core reading program. ☐ Conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive	☐ Convene and attend Literacy Leadership Team to review assessment results, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists.	☐ Ensure ongoing PD for core reading program. ☐ Notify teachers of possible additional staff development on supplemental, and
Principal			comments.	☐ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be addressed.	intervention programs.
				☐ Participate in grade-level team meetings whenever possible to support staff in the process of monitoring	
	☐ Refine CSI (Core,		☐ Monitor pacing guides for core program.	progress and differentiating instruction.	
Coach	Supplemental and Intervention) maps if new S & I curricula are being implemented.	☐ Review progress monitoring data of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is	☐ Monitor pacing guides for new S & I programs. ☐ Review progress monitoring data and in-program assessment data for	☐ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.	
w/ Reading	☐ Share school progress with stakeholders via fall	recommended.	students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.		
w/ Re	"State of the School" reports from district and principal.		☐ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.		

## Monthly Agendas/Reflections

<ul> <li>District team meeting agenda: (principal, coach, LEA, others)</li> <li>Status report</li> <li>Updates to CSI (Core, Supplemental and Intervention) maps</li> <li>Changes</li> <li>Reading Action Plan review</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Work w/librarian on promoting reading</li> <li>Work w/special education and regular education staff to erase lines between regular and special education</li> </ul>

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	Element I: Priorities Goals , Objectives,	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
Principal	☐ Convene and attend meeting with Division Level Reading First Leadership Team.	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Ensure high quality implementation of the core, supplemental, and intervention reading programs. ☐ Support differentiated reading instruction by monitoring small group instruction and the plans that drive them.	☐ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be addressed. ☐ Participate in grade level team meetings whenever possible to support staff in the process of monitoring progress and differentiating instruction.	Provide ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention programs.
w/ Reading Coach	☐ Refine CSI (Core, Supplemental and Intervention) maps if new S & I curricula are being implemented.	□ Review progress monitoring data of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended. □ Finalize scheduling for January data collection. Communicate this information to staff.	<ul> <li>□ Conduct observations of all teachers and assistants providing instruction to strategic and intensive students.</li> <li>□ Review timelines for core, supplemental and intervention programs to determine actual lesson progress.</li> <li>□ Analyze assessment data including progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.</li> <li>□ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.</li> </ul>	□ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.	☐ Celebrate student and staff success.

## Monthly Agendas/Reflections

Follow up on "Next Steps" from VDOE site visit report	<ul> <li>Ask parents to have children read at home nightly</li> <li>Encourage family use of library</li> <li>Share recommended book lists for different ages</li> <li>Recommend giving books as gifts</li> </ul>
	Suggest inexpensive sources for children books

## January: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation

	Element I: Priorities Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
Principal	□ Support coach and third grade teachers in attending (and turnkey training) Virginia Beach Focus Group. Topic: Vocabulary and Fluency Impacting Comprehension. □ Review grade-level benchmarks and compare to mid-year results. □ Update data boards and Closing the Achievement Gap form based on mid-year PALS, progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessment data.	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Ensure high quality implementation of core, and any supplemental, and intervention reading programs.  ☐ Conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive comments.  ☐ Provide staff development based upon instructional needs of students.	☐ Participate in grade-level meetings whenever possible. ☐ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.	□ Support ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention reading programs. □ Support any necessary assessment training or "retooling" based on progress monitoring data. □ Give new teachers
w/ Reading Coach	☐ Review grade-level curriculum to identify high priority instructional items and timeline for those items.	Review progress monitoring data of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Review assessment data including progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs. ☐ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.		option of attending TRA (Teacher Reading Academy) via online or traditional delivery.

#### **Monthly Agenda**

## • Follow up on "Next Steps" from VDOE site visit report

- Review principal's and coach's notes from combined mid-year visits to all classrooms.
- Coach meets with teachers to review/revise pacing guide(s)
- Review intervention schedule and make adjustments as necessary

- Conduct reading walk-through observations (with informal conversations) about student progress
- Make informal classroom visits (with feedback)
- Provide praise, affirmation, encouragement for teachers and students around reading
- Talk with one or more students about reading during daily supervision times

# **February:** Checklist: Reading First Implementation

	Element I: Priorities, Goals , Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development		
Principal	□ Support Coach's attendance at regional Focus Group. □ Convene and attend meeting with Division Level Reading First Leadership Team (See agenda and list of attendees below.) □ Begin collaborating with LEA to	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Ensure high quality implementation of core, supplemental, and intervention programs.	□ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be addressed. □ Participate in grade-level meetings whenever possible.	□ Support ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention programs.		
Prin	prepare for submission of Annual Performance Report (APR) to VDOE.  Work with division PALS representative to send a participant to PALS Symposium in March	☐ Review progress monitoring data of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	☐ Compare pacing timelines for core, supplemental, and intervention programs to actual lesson progress. Follow up with teachers as needed to ensure progress through programs.  ☐ Review assessment data including	☐ Convene and attend Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT meeting to review assessment results, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists. ☐ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans			
With Coach	☐ Identify materials and supplies to be ordered for next school year. ☐ Share school progress with stakeholders via mid- year "State of the School" reports from district and principal.		progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.  Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.	and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.			
Monthly Agendas/Reflections Recommended Ongoing Weekly/Daily Activities							

Monthly Agendas/Reflections	Recommended Ongoing Weekly/Daily Activities
District team meeting agenda: (principal, coach, LEA, others)	Conduct several timed readings to better understand the process
<ul><li>Review mid-year PALS</li><li>Review/Revise Reading Plan Overview</li></ul>	Consider ways to promote a "No Excuses" perspective within the school community
PD needs	
Budget	

## March: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
Principal	☐ Continue collaborating with LEA to submit Annual Performance Report (APR) to VDOE by end of month.	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	<ul> <li>☐ Ensure against domestication of core, supplemental, and intervention programs by conducting walk through observations of all teachers and assistants with program checklists. Provide support, encouragement, and instructive comments.</li> <li>☐ Participate in grade-level meetings.</li> <li>☐ Conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive comments.</li> </ul>	☐ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be addressed. ☐ Convene grade level and interventionist team (or LLT/RFIT) meeting to review assessment results, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists.	☐ Support ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention programs.
w/ Reading Coach	☐ Based on information learned at VDOE sponsored professional development events, make adjustments to grade-level CSI maps.	☐ Begin preparations for assessment administration procedures (Stanford RF, PALS, SOL)	☐ Compare pacing timelines for core, supplemental, and intervention programs to actual lesson progress. Follow up with teachers as needed to ensure progress through programs.  ☐ Review assessment data including progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.  ☐ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.	☐ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.	

#### Montnly Agenda

- Follow up on "Next Steps" from VDOE site visit report
- Review principal's and coach's notes from combined spring visits to all classrooms.
- Support attendance at VSRA conference in Richmond

- Know the criteria for selecting a strong core reading program
- Know how your program reflects the "five big ideas" in reading
- Learn the curriculum along with the teachers

# **April:** Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials		Time, Grouping, ifferentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
Principal	☐ Convene and attend meeting with Division Level Reading First Leadership Team	☐ Ensure progress monitoring of students for whom strategic and intensive intervention is recommended.	core, supplements programs.  Continue to co informal observat assistants. Provid and instructive co Continue to su reading instructio	nality implementation of al, and intervention and intervention and induct walk-through and it is of all teachers and e support, encouragement, omments.  I popper differentiated and the plans that drive	☐ Schedule regular staff meetings and plan the reading topics to be addressed. ☐ Convene grade level and interventionist team meeting to review assessment results, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists.	□ Support ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention programs. □ Support coach and teachers with Stanford Reading First administration process. □ Give new teachers option of attending TRA (Teacher Reading Academy) via online or traditional delivery.
w/Reading Coach			□ Compare pacing timelines for core, supplemental, and intervention programs to actual lesson progress. Follow up with teachers as needed to ensure progress through programs. □ Analyze assessment data including progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs. □ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.		☐ Follow up on the work of the Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process. ☐ Begin planning summer school program for strategic and intensive students.	☐ Meet with teachers for Stanford Reading First test training.
Monthl	y Agenda/Reflections			Recommended Ongoing		
	• Follow up or	n "Next Steps" from VDOE site v	visit report	<ul><li>and needs of teache</li><li>Provide affirmation</li><li>Provide adequate tinavoid interruptions</li></ul>	walk through observations regulars' reading instruction , praise and encouragement to bot me (through the schedule) for rea of reading lessons over processes; the process is only	h staff and students ding instruction and work to

## **May: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation**

	Element I: Priorities, Goals Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, and Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
Principal	☐ Support Coach's attendance at regional Focus Group.  ☐ Update data boards and Closing the Achievement Gap form based on spring PALS, progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessment data.	□ Schedule and ensure implementation of spring school wide data collection. □ Designate individual(s) to enter data. □ Monitor updating of PALS demographics information on database.	□ Ensure high quality implementation of core, supplemental, and intervention programs.  □ Continue to conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive comments.  □ Compare pacing timelines for core, supplemental, and intervention programs to actual lesson progress. Follow up with teachers as needed to ensure students'	□ Participate in grade-level meetings whenever possible. □ Convene grade level and interventionist team meeting (or LLT/RFIT) to review assessment results, and coordinate instructional planning across grade levels and specialists. □ Follow up on the work of the	☐ Support ongoing professional development for core, supplemental, and intervention programs. ☐ Schedule professional development for next year.
w/ Reading Coach	☐ Review Reading Action Plan and evaluate progress. ☐ Update CSI maps to prepare for fall. ☐ Identify PD goals for next school year.		progress  ☐ Review assessment data including progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs.  ☐ Support and ensure additional instructional time for students who need additional reading support.	Literacy Leadership Team or RFIT to ensure implementation of plans and monitoring for results, support and acknowledge staff in this process.  Continue planning summer school program for strategic and intensive students.	

#### **Monthly Agenda**

- Evaluate Supplemental and Intervention Programs and plan to make any necessary adjustments for next school year
- Coach meets with teachers to review/revise pacing guide
- Review intervention schedule and make adjustments as necessary
- Review principal's and coach's notes from combined year-end visits to classrooms (May/June).

- Learn how to collect data in your school's assessment system and help collect data periodically
- Learn as much as you can about the reports available through this system
- Learn how to use and interpret these reports to guide instruction
- Use these reports to guide the regular grade level planning meetings
- Talk to teachers regularly about the data on their students' reading performance, including ideas for refining instruction

## June: Principal's Checklist: Reading First Implementation

	Element I: Priorities, Goals, Objectives	Element II, III: Assessment, Programs and Materials	Elements, IV, V: Time, Grouping, Scheduling, & Differentiating Instruction	Element VI: Administration, Organization, Communication	Element VII: Professional Development
w/Reading Coach	☐ Convene and attend meeting of the Division Level Reading First Leadership Team (See agenda and list of attendees below.) ☐ Review data boards and Closing	onvene and d meeting of the sion Level ling First lership Team agenda and list tendees below.) eview data ds and Closing achievement form eview and st Reading Plan eview mare school ress with cholders via ng "State of the ool" reports from	<ul> <li>☐ Ensure high quality implementation of core, supplemental, and intervention programs.</li> <li>☐ Continue to conduct walk-through observations of all teachers and assistants. Provide support, encouragement, and constructive comments.</li> <li>☐ Begin planning reading blocks for next school year.</li> </ul>	☐ Participate in grade-level meetings whenever possible. ☐ Complete planning for summer school	☐ Support ongoing PD for core, supplemental, and intervention programs.  ☐ Participate in grade level meetings whenever possible to support planning for next year
	the Achievement Gap form Review and adjust Reading Plan Overview Share school		<ul> <li>☐ Assist in scheduling.</li> <li>☐ Using pacing time lines, evaluate progress made in the core, supplemental, and intervention programs.</li> <li>☐ Identify goals and adjustments for next year.</li> </ul>		
	progress with stakeholders via Spring "State of the School" reports from district and principal.		<ul> <li>□ Review assessment data including spring PALS, progress monitoring, benchmark and core program assessments for students receiving supplemental and intervention programs to determine instructional placements for next year.</li> <li>□ Support and ensure any available summer instructional time for students who need additional reading support.</li> </ul>		☐ Continue planning PD activities for summer and next year.

#### Monthly Agendas/Reflections

## Recommended Ongoing Weekly/Daily Activities

#### **District team meeting agenda:** (principal, coach, LEA, others)

- Spring, "State of the School" report (Invite Coach to assist with report writing)
- Reviewing allocation of funds and looking at deadlines for expenditures
- Data sharing
- Planning for next year (staffing, schedules, etc.)
- Discuss Reading Action Plans for next school year
- PD needs for next year--sharing resources

- Invite students to come to your office to read
- Visit classes during reading groups; praise students' progress
- Take some of your reading to a class to read for silent reading time (let students see you read)